

study notes

1. Read Numbers 14:1-10 and discuss why the children of Israel are discouraged. How does this apply to our lives? What does Egypt represent?

2. If we focus on our difficulties rather on God's promises, we will fall into despair. Keeping our eyes and hearts focused on God's power and promises will keep us from being discouraged. Read and discuss the following verses: Philippians 3:12-14; Galatians 6:9

3. What goals has God called you to?

4. Too often when it comes to obeying God we procrastinate and make excuses. Read the following verses and discuss: Read Proverbs 22:13; Proverbs 27: 1; Ecclesiastes 11:4

5. Looking back to Nehemiah, discuss some of the challenges they faced and how they overcame them. How is that relevant to today's church culture?



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SERMON SERIES: BUILD FOR LIFE (LIVING IN FREEDOM EVERY DAY)

TODAY'S SERMON: WINNERS NEVER QUIT AND QUITTERS NEVER WIN

SCRIPTURE: NEHEMIAH 1-8 (NEW KING JAMES VERSION)

And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

WHY WE CAN FAIL TO FINISH

1 We get fatigued.

Then Judah said, "The strength of the laborers is failing..."

Nehemiah 4:10 (NKJV)

2 We get frustrated.

... and *there is* so much rubbish...

Nehemiah 4:10 (NKJV)

3 We give in to failure.

...that we are not able to build the wall."

Nehemiah 4:10 (NKJV)

④ We give in to fear.

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and all of them conspired together to come *and* attack Jerusalem and create confusion.

Nehemiah 4:8 (NKJV)

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And our adversaries said, "They will neither know nor see anything, till we come into their midst and kill them and cause the work to cease."

Nehemiah 4:11 (NKJV)

HOW TO FINISH WHAT WE START

① Depend on God.

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Nevertheless we made our prayer to our God,...

Nehemiah 4:9a (NKJV)

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And I looked, and arose and said to the nobles, to the leaders, and to the rest of the people, "Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, great and awesome,..."

Nehemiah 4:14a (NKJV)

② Start immediately.

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...and because of them we set a watch against them day and night.

Nehemiah 4:9b (NKJV)

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Therefore I positioned *men* behind the lower parts of the wall, at the openings; and I set the people according to their families, with their swords, their spears, and their bows.

Nehemiah 4:13 (NKJV)

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And it happened, when our enemies heard that it was known to us, and *that* God had brought their plot to nothing, that all of us returned to the wall, everyone to his work.

Nehemiah 4:15 (NKJV)

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So we labored in the work, and half of *the men* held the spears from daybreak until the stars appeared.

Nehemiah 4:21 (NKJV)

③ Focus on the gain not the pain.

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... and fight for your brethren, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your houses."

Nehemiah 4:14b (NKJV)

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So I sent messengers to them, saying, "I *am* doing a great work, so that I cannot come down. Why should the work cease while I leave it and go down to you?"

Nehemiah 6:3 NKJV

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And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.

Galatians 6:9 (NKJV)

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So the wall was finished on the twenty-fifth *day* of Elul, in fifty-two days. And it happened, when all our enemies heard *of it*, and all the nations around us saw *these things*, that they were very disheartened in their own eyes; for they perceived that this work was done by our God.

Nehemiah 6:15-16 (NKJV)